

agencies in Indiana's First Congressional District. Dean has served as chairman of the American Cancer Society, fundraiser for the YMCA, and a member of the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana. He is also a member of the Merrillville Rotary Club and the Schererville Chamber of Commerce. Currently, Dean is on the fundraising committee of Trade Winds Rehabilitation Center. In recognition of Dean's outstanding volunteer leadership, the Northwestern Mutual matching gifts plan for agents and employees will present him with a \$5,000 check for the Northwest Indiana Boys and Girls Club later this month.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Maj. Gen. C. Dean Sangalis on his receipt of the 1997 Navy Award. Dean's wife, Velda, their children, Callista, Theodore, Vanessa, and Christopher, and five grandchildren can be proud of his accomplishments. His strong devotion to country, and service to his community, truly embody the spirit of volunteerism.

#### THE MARCH OF THE LIVING

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 1997*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Congresswoman NITA LOWEY and myself, I rise to call the attention of my colleagues to an important program that I am proud to say is based in my New York City district—The March of the Living. I also want to commend all of those who have participated in the March of the Living program.

The March of the Living is a yearly journey in which thousands of Jewish teenagers gather from around the world in Eastern Europe and in Israel. During this unforgettable trip, these young people learn first hand about two 20th-century events that changed history forever—the Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel.

Since its creation, the March of the Living program has continued to influence the more than 20,000 students who have participated. The students visit concentration camps in various countries and see the crematoria, gas chambers, and personal belongings that remain. Not only is the March of the Living a reminder of what happened, but is also a way for students to celebrate the strength of the human spirit.

In Poland, march participants tour cities where there had been vibrant Jewish communities before World War II, including Warsaw, Krakow, and Lublin. After seeing communities where Jewish life flourished, the teens are taken to the death camps where these lives were destroyed. On Holocaust Memorial Day, the same day that Members of Congress gather in the Capitol Rotunda to honor the memory of those murdered in this genocide, the teens participate in a march from Auschwitz to Birkenau. I believe that this March of the Living—young people retracing the steps of countless innocent victims who marched to their deaths—is one of the most creative and meaningful Holocaust remembrance programs ever enacted.

After witnessing the horrors of the Holocaust, the teenagers travel to Israel, where they visit the magnificent and vibrant Jewish homeland. Created out of the ashes of the Holocaust, the State of Israel stands as a great triumph, not only for the Jewish people, but for the cherished ideals of democracy, compassion, and enlightenment.

The March of the Living has proven to be an effective way of teaching our next generation of leaders lessons of the past. The students return profoundly changed, prompting further work in Jewish related areas.

It is these students who will keep the memory of this tragedy alive, and prevent such an event from ever happening again. I hope that this program will continue to thrive and to commemorate the suffering and eventual triumph of the Israeli people.

I would also like to applaud the Austrian Government for becoming involved in this program by allowing March of Living participants to visit the country on May 19 of this year. Austria's efforts to assist in teaching the lessons of the Holocaust is a beautiful way to combat former Austrian President Kurt Waldheim's tragic denial of his participation in war crimes.

With an aging Holocaust survivor population, we need to educate our young people about what happened to millions of Jews during World War II. The great philosopher George Santayana taught us that "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." I commend the March of the Living on its important work.

Mr. Ernest Goldblum, a philanthropist, who served in the United States Navy, and whose parents perished in the Holocaust, developed the program with the Austrian Government with the assistance of the Austrian president, Dr. Thomas Klestil, and the former Federal Chancellor, Frank Vranitzky, as well as Dr. Desiree Schweitzer, diplomat, and Helmuth Tuerk, Austrian ambassador, and Dr. Leon Zelman of the Jewish Welcome Service, Vienna, who organized the entire program for the 60 participants who were invited by the Austrian Government.

And it is hoped, Mr. Speaker, that the Austrian Government will continue this effort on a larger scale next year for Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARSHALL "MARK" SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 1997*

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, my plane was unavoidably detained and I missed rollcall votes Nos. 246 and 247 on Tuesday afternoon. Had I been here for the vote, I would have supported both bills.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 1997*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall votes Nos. 246, 247, 248, and 249 on July 8, I was unavoidably detained due to airplane mechanical difficulties. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on these votes.

TRIBUTE TO MAJ. GEN. JAMES L. HOBSON, JR.

#### HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 1997*

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated 32 years of his life to protecting the people of this great Nation and ensuring the American way of life. This gentleman has distinguished himself as a community leader, a dedicated family man, and a decorated officer in the U.S. Air Force. The man I speak about today is Maj. Gen. James L. Hobson, Jr., commander of the Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, FL.

I could praise General Hobson for his numerous missions he flew over South Vietnam in his MC-130 aircraft at the height of the Vietnam war. I could mention the numerous students that General Hobson turned into expert pilots. Or I could applaud his decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Mackay Trophy or his meritorious flight during Operation Urgent Fury over the island of Grenada. But I'm sure General Hobson would say that those accomplishments were just part of his duty.

Mr. Speaker, these accomplishments only begin to describe the caliber of a man like General Hobson. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that what people say about you behind your back is the true measure of your character. The words said about General Hobson behind his back include: honest, loyal, dedicated, courageous, honorable, hard working, and a true gentleman. From the time he entered officer training school at Lackland AFB in 1965 until today, when he retires as a distinguished major general, James Hobson has shown a standard of excellence and dedication to duty that made him stand out as a man of intellect, skill, and integrity.

General Hobson's dedication to his country serves as a model in the lives of the hundreds of Air Force officers and enlisted personnel he has trained, supervised, and encouraged. The legacy General Hobson leaves behind at AFSOC, Hurlburt Field, will remain an inspiration to the men and women that were fortunate enough to serve under his command.

Now, General Hobson will be retiring, returning to the wife and children that he loves, making up for the lost hours that a distinguished career in the Air Force requires of its best and brightest.